

In the Specification

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 16 to read as follows:

Yet another way in which the radiopacity may be improved is to add a noble metal to an existing alloy, such as the addition of platinum to 316L stainless steel such as that found in commonly assigned copending US Patent Application Serial No. 10/113,394 10/112,391, the entire content of which is incorporated by reference herein.